

was approved/accorded ex-post-facto ratification by the Board of Governors;

(b) if so, the details of the Board's meetings wherein such approvals/ex-post-facto ratifications were accorded by the Board and on which dates; and

(c) the details of provisions framed at the instance of the KVS' Chairman to regulate the process of recruitments, referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendations of the Selja Committee, a revised system of centralised recruitment for all teaching and non-teaching posts except Group 'D' posts was introduced with the approval of Chairman. KVS.

The action taken in the matter was reported to the Board of Governors in its 65th meeting held on 19th March, 1999.

(c) The provision regarding process of recruitment through this revised system are as under:—

- (i) Engaging of an independent agency for holding the written test.
- (ii) Constitution of advisory Board.
- (iii) The final selection upon the total performance.

New courses in Tezpur University

3096. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Tezpur Central University in Assam has decided to set-up a school of Medical Sciences soon;

(b) if so, whether any proposal was submitted by the University to the University Grants Commission;

(c) if so, by when and what is the outcome;

(d) whether it is a fact that the University is starting a course on Mass Communication, with funding from UGC; and

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(e) if so, whether this would be a specialized course on Print Media or on Electronic Media?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per information received from the Tezpur University, the Planning and Academic Committee (PAC) and the Board of Management of Tezpur University have approved a proposal to start a Medical School in the University. The details of the proposal have not been yet worked out by the University.

(b) The proposal has not been submitted to the University Grants Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) As per information received from the UGC, it has not received any proposal from the Tezpur University for starting a course on Mass Communication with funding from UGC.

Legislation against harassment of children

3097. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring forth a legislation against the increasing number of cases of harassment of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government has recently enacted "The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000" for juveniles in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection. It has been notified in the Gazette of India on 28th February, 2001.

(b) and (c) In view of above, questions do not arise.